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SUBJECT: CALL ON PRIME MINISTER, MAY 23: NO. 4 - PATHET LAO

PATROLS INTERVIEWING AMERICAN CITIZENS

1. I ASKED THE PRIME MINISTER TODAY WHETHER HE HAD HEARD OF PATHET LAO UNITS PATROLING ON THEIR OWN WITHOUT BEING ACCOMPANIED BY VIENTIANE SIDE POLICE. SPECIFICALLY, THERE HAD BEEN AN OCCURRENCE A FEW DAYS AGO WHICH WAS RATHER TROUBLING. I HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT PL POLICE UNIT HAD ENTERED THE HOME OF AN AMERICAN COUPLE, EMPLOYEES OF USAID, HAD QUESTIONED THE COUPLE ON WHAT THEY WERE DOING IN LAOS, HAD QUESTIONED THE SERVANTS ON HOW WELL THEY WERE BEING TREATED AND PAID, AND HAD LECTURED ALL AGAINST COLONIALISM AND IMPERIALISM. THIS WAS THE ONLY CASE REPORTED TO ME SO FAR, ALTHOUGH I UNDERSTOOD THE PL MAY BE UNDERTAKING A LARGER CAMPAIGN TO HARASS FOREIGNERS AND SCARE THE LAO IN VIENTIANE.

2. THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT THIS WAS THE FIRST INSTANCE HE HAD HEARD, BUT WOULD LOOK INTO THE MATTER.

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